

## Remarks/Arguments

### *Claim Summary*

By this Amendment, claims 1-3 and 8-9 have been revised, and claim 5 has been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-4 and 6-9 are now pending in the application.

### *Claim Objections and 35 U.S.C. ¶112*

By this Amendment, the claims have been revised as generally suggested by the Examiner. In this regard, it is noted that the subject matter of original claim 5 (now cancelled) has been incorporated into each of independent claims 1, 3, 8 and 9, and it is thus believed that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. ¶112, first and second paragraphs, have been overcome or rendered moot.

### *Conclusion*

No other issues remaining, reconsideration and favorable action upon the claims now pending in the application are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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